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For : DNA ENCODING A HUMAN MELANIN
CONCENTRATING HORMONE RECEPTOR (MCH1)
AND USES THEREOF

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ATTN: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 16, 2001 NOTICE
TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED

This Amendment is submitted in response to the July 16, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this July 16, 2001 Notice is due September 16, 2001. However, since September 16, 2001 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Monday, September 17, 2001, is considered timely filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 27, please delete line 28 and replace it with the following: